

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): May I know why this gentleman is asked to do work in the Central Jail and not in the Police Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Government wanted a suitable officer for the Jail at that time and they selected this gentleman.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know, Sir, whether the incumbent who was there at that time was found inefficient?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): It was thought necessary that there should be another person there.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): That is what I want to know. I want to know whether he was found inefficient?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Government cannot say definitely that he was inefficient, because there was no charge against him. But Government thought it would be better that D. S. P. Mr. Mannadiar is appointed there as Superintendent. At the same time it would be unfair to say that the previous incumbent there was inefficient. That is going too far. That is why I rather modified my answer.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): What is the reason for the Government to think that another man should be put in there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Because they thought he will be better.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Is it a fact, Sir, that there are now in the Cochin Government service three gentlemen who have undergone training in Vellore and that none of them is now working in the Police Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): One is Mr. Neelakanta Menon who is the present Chief Justice who was trained for the Commissioner of Police. The other two were for the D. S. P.'s post. Mr. Mannadiar is the Superintendent of Central Jail and Mr. Devassy is the A. R. P. Officer.

Mr. President: There is also another officer.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): May I know why persons specially trained for a particular department are sent to another department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Sometimes it so happens that it becomes very necessary that a person is to go to some other department to do work there. It is not possible in a small State like this always to keep that person in that department alone. Mr. Devassy was in the Police Department ever since he came and it is only very recently that these officers were transferred for very special reasons. Mr. Devassy was posted as A. R. P. Officer, a post which was very recently started and for which some police qualification would also be required.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Is there any special training prescribed for the Jail Superintendent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Of course, the Assistant Superintendent has been trained in the Coimbatore Jail and as for the Superintendent's training that is a place for persons to get themselves trained.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): May I know the special qualification the permanent D. S. P. is holding so that he may be sent over to the Central Jail?

Mr. President: His special qualification is that he is a good disciplinarian.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (Cheruthuruthi): Was he not an able Police Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (Cheruthuruthi): Then why was his case not considered at the time of the recent appointment of the Deputy Commissioner?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): That is quite a different subject altogether. It does not arise out of this question on the Central Jail. If you put a separate question we will answer that.

CIVIL COURTS IN ERNAKULAM AND COCHIN—RE-OPENING OF

363. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when are the Civil Courts in Ernakulam and Cochin due to re-open after the vacation;

(b) is there any idea to change the date of re-opening;

(c) are Government thinking of shifting these courts temporarily to any other place, if so, to which place or places?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The Munsiff's Courts have re-opened on 6th Edavam 1117. The High Court and the Anjikaimal District Court will re-open on 24th Edavam 1117.

(b) and (c) No.

POST OF THE JOINT SECRETARY—KEEPING VACANT OF

364. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state whether the post of the Joint Secretary to Government is going to be kept vacant for any length of time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): No.

PARTIALITY FOR THE MADRAS ENGLISH DAILIES—COMPLAINT OF THE MALAYALAM PRESS

365. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there has been complaint made through the Malayalam Press that for certain functions on the Willingdon Island, Thevara High School, Ernakulam and the organizers, Teachers' Conferences recently held at Ernakulam were showing partiality for the Madras English Dailies and they were neglecting Malayalam newspapers;

(b) if so, will Government be pleased to take the necessary steps to see that the Malayalam Press is given its proper place in all public functions in which the Government can raise an effective voice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes. The statement does not seem to be correct.

(b) No special steps are called for in view of answer to (a).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state whether the representatives of the local Malayalam Press were invited for the ceremony of launching the "Minesweeper" at Vypeen?

Mr. President: That had nothing to do with the State Government. It was a matter concerned with the Naval authorities.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Was not a member of our Ruling Family invited to perform that function?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what was the complaint raised through the Malayalam Press. The answer given is "Yes". What was the complaint? We know nothing about it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): Probably, that the Press was not represented at certain functions.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Then that statement is correct.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): The statement that Government have neglected them is not correct.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Anyhow the fact is that they have not been invited.

Mr. President: It was the Naval authorities who issued the invitations.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Was it a Government function after all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): That was explained by the Hon'ble President.

Mr. President: I may also mention that the function took place in British India.

FOOD PRODUCTION OFFICER—APPOINTMENT OF

366. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the appointment of the Food Production Officer was made with the concurrence of the Hon'ble Minister;

(b) will Government be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister has pressed for placing the Officer and his work under the supervision of the Hon'ble Minister?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Secretary to Government*): With reference to answer (b) the answer "no" is not quite correct. It is rather technical to say "no". The more appropriate answer would be "there was no difference of opinion at all between the Minister and the Government so far as supervision of the work of the Food Production Commissioner and his staff is concerned. So far as the transferred half work is concerned it is completely under the Minister." Therefore, that answer is not quite correct.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Then, am I to take it that the answer is wrong.